

APPROVED 03/12/2009

At 6:20 pm the Board's meeting was called to order in the main floor of the Fremont Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Brett Hunter and Donald Gates; Richard Rand, and Heidi Carlson.

Cordes explained to Dick Rand that the Board wanted to present him with a signed copy of the 2008 Annual Town Report, as he was the Appreciation recipient. The Selectmen made a presentation to Dick with the report, and a photo was taken. The Board thanked him for the many and varied things he does every day for the Town.

Rand thanked the Board and he left the meeting at 6:25 pm.

Selectmen reviewed the minutes from February 26, 2009.

At 6:26 pm Michael & Susan Miller came into the meeting.

The Millers said they were in to see the Board as they were interested in the warrant article proposed to repair the stone wall near their property. Mr Miller questioned if the article did not pass and asked what is the Selectmen's thoughts were. He asked if it does not pass, does that mean we do not repair the wall?

Board members agreed that the wall needed to be repaired and how we accomplish that has yet to be determined. Mr Miller said he has concerns about it given the economy and the fact that the Budget Committee did not recommend it. The Selectmen shared these thoughts.

The Millers indicate that they have observed over the winter that the wall continues to deteriorate.

The Millers also said that because there were large trees there in the past, the snow was not able to go over the wall as much as it does now. Tree roots may have also helped to stabilize the wall.

Mr Miller said they see it as a safety problem, and do not believe they will make it another year without the repairs being done. They said that if the Town's insurance company was not going to pay that they wanted to make their carrier aware, and have also filed a claim.

Discussion ensued about the insurance carriers and the status of the different claims, including the private contractor insurance. The town's carrier had indicated that a claim also needed to be filed by Guerwood Holmes.

The Miller's said that they were not opposed to their contact information being passed on to the Town's carrier.

Everyone felt that something needs to be done this spring construction season. It was left with all in agreement that after Town Meeting voting on Tuesday March 10th, people will get back together and review it again with hopefully more insurance information, by then a decision will have been made on the warrant article.

Greta St Germain, Peter and Dianne Bolduc came into the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Selectmen agreed that this is something that needs to be addressed as soon as possible, the road is still the road and it was not designed to handle the traffic that the road handles now.

Mrs Miller then mentioned another area of erosion and indicated that she thought the area is now longer than 100 feet.

If insurance companies deny the claim, then we need to pull the money from elsewhere to get the needed repairs completed.

Selectmen thanked the Miller's for their patience through this process. They left the meeting at approximately 6:40 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the minutes for 26 February 2009. Motion was made by Hunter and seconded by Gates to approve the minutes with one typographical error on page one having been corrected. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.
2. Carlson provided some updates on Senate Bill 99-FN-LOCAL and email from Senator Hassan in response to Board's input on the matter. The Town Clerk had attended the hearing yesterday and advised today that the bill had been voted inexpedient to legislate. Senator Hassan had indicated that there were proposed changes to the bill which would get all of the local money back to the Town where the resident lived instead of to the Town where the dealership is located.
3. Carlson shared with the Board a follow-up email from Patti Gentile posing additional questions about her web forum. She asked if she should put "not affiliated with the Town of Fremont" on the site. The Board said that would be fine, as it is not a Town website and has no affiliation to the Town.

The Board indicated that they had no control over what name she uses for her forum and did not offer any feedback as to the name she chose, which was "Fremont NH Forum."

Carlson will send a reply to Ms Gentile.

4. Carlson had prepared a draft listing to use as a cable contract information sheet to outline the new contract and items it included. Selectmen reviewed this and offered comments. This will be posted once the finalized and signed contract is returned from Comcast.

The electronic version of the contract has been posted to the website as of today. Carlson also discussed with the Board beginning to advertise for Access Management Committee volunteers.

5. Board members reviewed the advertisement to offer the Animal Control truck for sale by sealed bid. The current mileage information needs to be obtained from Chief Janvrin. The Board indicated that they did not want the truck sold with any information on it that said "Fremont" or had any connection to "Town of Fremont." They indicated they would prefer that all lettering was removed so that nothing made the vehicle look official. This ad will go in the April Newsletter and be posted in Town Buildings and on the website once completed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the payroll manifest \$19,814.96 and accounts payable manifest \$34,403.39 for current week dated 03/06/09. Motion was made by Gates to approve the accounts payable manifest. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0. Hunter then moved to approve the payroll manifest. Gates seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.
2. Selectmen reviewed a contract with the Dunlap Highland Band for the Memorial Day parade. They have kept their fee the same for the Town at \$800. Selectmen feel that people like the group and would be pleased to have them return. They asked for the parade route and other information on the contract to

be completed before returning it. Gates moved to sign the contract. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

3. Selectmen reviewed and signed outgoing correspondence to Jeffrey Schieding regarding an abatement application; and to Jeremy Lennon in thanks for help with Town Hall roof.

4. Carlson discussed with the Board an abatement that was postmarked past the March 1 deadline date (postmarked March 2); and another which was left in drop box outside of the Town Hall, despite posted directions that indicated anything left after noon on Friday would not be accepted. Carlson had learned that the Town's contracted assessors considered the March 2nd postmark to be late. The Board felt that if it had been posted and advertised as such, that these both were late.

Carlson advised that on Friday an orange posting had been placed on the front door indicating that any abatements left in the drop box after the noon close of business would not be accepted, and that people should go to the Post Office and have them postmarked no later than February 28th. The notice in the March Newsletter had also indicated that all abatements needed to be postmarked no later than February 28th, and that the last time to drop them off for timely receipt was Friday February 27, 2009 by noon.

Letters will be drafted regarding both of the untimely filings.

5. Selectmen reviewed an email from Keith Stanton requesting information on 2008 vendor payments, for which Carlson had pulled together the numbers. The Board felt this was complete and it will go out to Stanton.

NEXT WEEK

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday March 12, 2009 at 6:00 pm.

A Board meeting is posted for Tuesday March 10, 2009 for Board members to open the polls; and be available again late in the day to assist with voting matters and such.

This evening was the last regular Board meeting for Selectman Gene Cordes, after serving 18 consecutive years on the Board. The Bolduc's had come in to wish him well. Cordes' many contributions to the Board and to the Community were acknowledged and discussed. Cordes was wished well in all his future endeavors, and it is hoped that he will continue to be involved in town events.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion was made by Hunter and seconded by Gates to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. The vote was unanimously approved 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator